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Dear CMS Families,

This year at Cardinal Middle School, your son or daughter will be participating in various classroom, district, and state-level assessments. Students are completing or have already completed the first round of MAP testing.

**MAP (District):** Measures of Academic Progress accurately measures student growth and learning needs through the means of benchmarking. This assessment is used to help teachers tailor their lessons to best meet each student’s needs and is given in the Fall, Winter (December) and Spring (March).

**AIR ASSESSMENT (State):** The state will continue to use the AIR assessments as a measurement tool to report academic progress on the State Report Card. At the Middle School level, students will be tested in English Language Arts & Math in grades 5-8 and Science in grades 5 & 8.

Building administrators, school counselors, and teachers will be communicating specific testing information throughout the school year. Testing dates are outlined on this page and are subject to change. If you have any questions at any time, please don’t hesitate to seek out their professional knowledge of the testing experience. Please ensure your child’s best performance on these tests by encouraging your child to go to bed early the night before and to eat a nutritious breakfast the morning of testing. Best Wishes for a successful testing year!

**TESTING DATES:**

**CogAT:** A Cognitive Abilities test will be administered in October to all 6th grade students to assess students' learned reasoning abilities in the three areas: Verbal, Nonverbal and Quantitative.

**ASSCD & OELPA:** Feb.- March for all students required to take the Alternate and/or Ohio English Language Proficiency assessments will be notified of a specific testing date(s).

**Spring AIR Assessment:**

Date	Test	Grades
April 10 & 12	English Language Arts	5 & 6
April 17 & 19	English Language Arts	7 & 8
April 23 - 27	English Makeups	5-8
April 23 & 24	Math	5 & 6
April 26 & 27	Math	7 & 8
May 1 & May 3	Science	5 & 8
May 7 - 11	Math & Science Makeups	5-8

Yours in Education,  
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